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Greetings,

In regards to the proposed settlement, I am opposed to it because it fails to redress past misbehavior by Microsoft.

To be fair, all APIs into the operating system and file formats for any applications with a monopoly market position such as Microsoft Office components, must be made open to all requestors and made available on the WWW with any changes announced in detail at least six months prior to implementation or delivery into the marketplace.

Further, all applications, such as browsers, must be separated from the operating system and able to be removed, or replaced by a competing product, without hindering the operation of the underlying OS.

Finally, consumers who purchase a computer with any Microsoft operating system preinstalled must be able to remove the operating system and receive a refund of that portion of the purchase cost attributable to the expense of the OS.

Thank you for receiving my comments.

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